

The National Infantry Association has awarded Georgia's Second District U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop the Military Order of Saint Maurice, a medal given to individuals who make a "conspicuous contribution in support of the Infantry" while representing the "highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence, and dedication to duty."

The medal was presented to the Congressman by the Fort Benning chapter of the Association of the United States Army (10/7) during the AUSA's national convention in Washington, D.C.

"Our country would not remain strong and free for long if it were not for the faithful service of the men and women of the Infantry and other military branches, and it's my job to provide the legislative support they need to successfully carry out their missions," Representative Bishop said. "It is a high honor to be recognized by people who are the very symbol of integrity, character, competence, and duty."

The Georgia lawmaker represents Fort Benning in the U.S. House. During his own military service, he went through basic training at Fort Benning and was enrolled in officers training there. He has been a strong supporter of the military installations in Georgia, and of defense in general.

The Order of Saint Maurice, named for a saint known for his devotion to right, is awarded to individuals who have made "significant and lasting contributions to the Infantry."